

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

[0237] The creation of a thermal lesion for a desired therapeutic effect can be achieved by a number of means. In an embodiment, the creation of lesions can be facilitated by configuring energy delivery during a Thermage or other treatment to produce a delivered thermal dose that is both substantially uniform and of an amount that will result in a directed wound healing response capable of producing one or more of aesthetic contouring, tissue tightening or tissue reshaping. There are a variety of factors which may be considered in producing such a wound healing response. Such factors can include without limitation, the pattern of energy application, the pattern of force delivery and vectored pre-positioning of the tissue. In an embodiment, vectored pre-positioning of the selected tissues can be used to shape the thermal lesion so as to create or facilitate the creation of a directed wound healing response. To this end, a number of surgical techniques can be employed, including but not limited to, pre-positioning the selected tissue by hand, suturing the tissue in place, using a ~~steri-strip~~ adhesive surgical tape (e.g. STERI STRIP™), using a surgical/tissue adhesive, or using a surgical clamping device known in the art.